

(c) whether it is also a fact that even one pillar that was completed has now got tilted to greater extent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Well, foundation for six pillars have been taken up.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Leasing out of Vacant Railway Land

†368. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any plan to lease out some of vacant pieces of railway land lying near certain railway stations for construction of hotels or guest houses; and

(b) if so, the details of the procedures and parameters being adopted by his Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Railway is in process of identifying surplus land at 100 sites. These will be allotted for Public Private Partnership (PPP) on open tender basis through two packet bidding systems consisting of technical and financial bid.

Corruption in Railway Reservation

†369. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mostly the long distance passengers are troubled by the corruption prevalent in railway reservation and the wayward, T. T. Es in trains;

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